IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

extracting ~~receiving~~ configuration information from a database; and

generating a text-based configuration file containing the extracted configuration information.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information ~~is~~ includes ~~TelAlert~~ configuration keyword information for a messaging application.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the database is a relational database.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~3~~1 wherein the database ~~provides integrity to the TelAlert system~~ validates the configuration information.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration file is ~~a TelAlert ini file~~ used to configure a messaging application.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising periodically generating additional text-based configuration files.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the database includes configuration information for ~~describe~~ at least one business site.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information is used by ~~describe~~ at least one ~~TelAlert server~~ messaging application to transmit a message to a destination.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact method.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a method type.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact group.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a contact group member

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a schedule.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a strategy.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the configuration information includes a pager type.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further ~~wherein the generation of the configuration file~~ comprising: ~~es~~ creating at least one $include file.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
compiling the configuration file into a compiled file at a later time.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
updating the configuration information stored in the database through a portal.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~receiving~~ extracting is performed over a secure communication pathway.

21. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause said processor to perform the following comprising:
extracting receiving configuration information from a database; and
generating at least one text-based configuration file containing the extracted configuration information.

22. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the configuration information ~~is~~ includes ~~TelAlert~~ configuration keyword information for a messaging application.

23. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the database is a relational database.

24. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~16~~ wherein the database ~~provides integrity to the TelAlert system~~ validates the configuration information.

25. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the configuration file is ~~a TelAlert ini file~~ used to configure a messaging application.

26. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the generating of the text-based configuration file is performed periodically.

27. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the database includes configuration information for ~~describe~~ at least one business site.

28. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the configuration information is used by ~~describe~~ at least one ~~TelAlert server~~ messaging application to transmit a message to a destination.

29. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the configuration information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods, method types, contact groups, contact group members, schedules, strategies, and pager type.

30. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein further ~~the generation of the configuration file~~ comprising: ~~es~~ creating at least one $include file.

31. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ further comprising:

compiling the configuration file into a compiled file at a later time.

32. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ further comprising:

updating the configuration information stored in the database through a portal.

33. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, ~~14~~ wherein the receiving is performed over a secure communication pathway.

34. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a database, the database to store configuration information; and

a configuration generator, the configuration generator to extract configuration information over a communication pathway from the database and generate at least one text-based configuration file including the extracted configuration information.

35. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ further comprising:

a portal, the portal to provide access to a user to update the configuration information.

36. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the configuration information ~~is~~ includes ~~TelAlert~~ configuration keyword information for a messaging application .

37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the configuration information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods, method types, contact groups, contact group members, schedules, strategies, and pager type.

38. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the database is a relational database.

39. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the database to validate ~~provides integrity to a TelAlert system~~ the configuration information.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ further comprising:
a compiler to generate a binary configuration file after generation of the configuration file.

41. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 40, ~~33~~ wherein ~~to~~ the generation of the ~~generate a~~ binary configuration file is executed from a scheduling tool.

42. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 41, ~~34~~ wherein the scheduling tool is at least one from a group consisting of a windows scheduler or a unix cron.

43. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein at least one configuration file is a $include file.

44. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 34, ~~27~~ wherein the communication pathway is a secure communication pathway.

45. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device, the storage device to store configuration information; and

a processor coupled with ~~woth~~ the storage device over a communications pathway, the processor to extract configuration information from the database and generate at least one text-based configuration file including the extracted configuration information.

46. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the configuration information ~~is~~ includes ~~TelAlert~~ configuration keyword information for a messaging application.

47. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the configuration information includes a set of one or more contacts, contact methods, contact groups, schedules, strategies, and pager type.

48. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the storage device is a relational database.

49. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the storage device ~~data store provides integrity to a TelAlert system~~ validates the configuration information.

50. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ further comprising:

a compiler to generate a binary configuration file after generation of the configuration file.

51. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 50, ~~38~~ wherein the generation of the ~~to generate a~~ binary configuration file is executed from a scheduling tool.

52. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51, ~~38~~ wherein the scheduling tool is one from a group consisting of a windows scheduler or a unix cron.

53. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein at least one configuration file is a $include file.

54. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 45, ~~38~~ wherein the communication pathway is a secure communications pathway.